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Rural Communities Take Advantage of Brownfield Targeted Assessments

When we think of brownfield properties, many times it is the vacant run down buildings in the center of major metropolitan areas that come to mind. Although not as visible but equally important, it is the rural communities across Kansas that have been utilizing the Kansas Brownfields Program to assess properties that sit along their local highways or Main Streets that remained vacant and/or run down for way too long. The U.S. Center Foundation is a non-for-profit organization based in Lebanon, KS, that has taken on the duty of revitalizing run down and unsafe buildings along their Main Street. It is the Foundation's as well as the community's goal to transform these hazardous eye sores into a small community center, daycare, park, and the Geographic Center of U.S. Gift Shop. Fundraising efforts began in May with a community wide picnic to raise awareness of the Foundation's mission.



underutilized for a number of years. It is the town of Minneola's goal to return these properties back to productive use as soon as possible.

Assessment activities have started for both communities. We will keep updates available as progress is made as each community moves towards their final redevelopment goals.

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